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MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM:

SUBJECT: DCI Remarks for Goldwater Awards Ceremony

As you requested, attached is a first cut on the above subject. As you know, the ceremony is to take place on 4 August at 5 p.m.

Attachment

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DCI REMARKS FOR GOLDWATER AWARD CEREMONY

I WANT TO WELCOME MY CIA COLLEAGUES AND DISTINGUISHED GUESTS WHO HAVE COME HERE THIS EVENING TO JOIN ME IN HONORING SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER WITH THE PRESENTATION OF THE AGENCY SEAL MEDALLION.

BECAUSE BARRY AND I HAVE BEEN FRIENDS FOR MANY YEARS, I'VE BEEN PARTICULARLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE FORMALLY THE IMMENSE CONTRIBUTION HE HAS MADE TO OUR COUNTRY'S NATIONAL SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE MISSION. AMONG THE MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND MILESTONES OF HIS EXTRAORDINARY MILITARY AND POLITICAL CAREER, BARRY WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A KEY ARCHITECT OF THE SYSTEM NOW IN PLACE BY WHICH CONGRESS EXERCISES OVERSIGHT OF INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES AND ACTIVITIES. HE WAS A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE WHEN IT WAS FORMED IN THE LATE 1970'S AND SUBSEQUENTLY SERVED AS ITS CHAIRMAN FOR FOUR YEARS. AS WE ALL KNOW, THESE WERE DIFFICULT AND SOMETIMES TURBULENT TIMES FOR THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY. IN THE FACE OF THE EVER-INCREASING INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST THREAT COUPLED WITH ACTS OF AGGRESSION BY OUR ADVERSARIES ABROAD, ALL SEGMENTS OF OUR SOCIETY AGREED THAT A STRONG AND RELIABLE INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITY WOULD BE ESSENTIAL IN ORDER TO DEAL WITH CRITICAL DEFENSE AND FOREIGN POLICY

ISSUES. AT THE SAME TIME, IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT CONGRESS HAD TO PLAY A KEY ROLE IN ENSURING THAT U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES WERE MEETING THIS CHALLENGE IN WAYS THAT WERE BOTH EFFECTIVE AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TENETS OF A DECENT AND DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY.

FROM THE OUTSET, BARRY GOLDWATER RECOGNIZED HIS RESPONSIBILITY AND EXPRESSED IT IN HIS UNMISTAKABLY DIRECT WAY. UPON ASSUMING THE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP IN 1981, HE SENT A LETTER TO HIS COLLEAGUES IN WHICH HE STATED, "I HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED OUR MAJOR JOB IS TO OVERSEE THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY AND TO DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO IMPROVE THAT COMMUNITY." AS USUAL, BARRY PROVED TRUE TO HIS WORD. LET ME BRIEFLY NOTE SOME OF THE LAWS NOW IN EFFECT THAT THE COMMITTEE INITIATED DURING HIS STEWARDSHIP. IN 1982, IN THE WAKE OF SYSTEMATIC EFFORTS BY A SMALL GROUP OF AMERICANS TO PUBLISH THE NAMES OF COVERT INTELLIGENCE AGENTS AND THEREBY EXPOSE THEM TO HARM, CONGRESS PASSED THE INTELLIGENCE IDENTITIES PROTECTION ACT ESTABLISHING SEVERE CRIMINAL SANCTIONS FOR SUCH ACTIONS. THANKS TO BARRY AND HIS COLLEAGUES, THIS REPREHENSIBLE BEHAVIOR HAS BEEN STOPPED, AND I HAVE NO DOUBTS THAT LIVES HAVE BEEN SAVED AS A RESULT. IN 1983, SENATOR GOLDWATER INTRODUCED AND CONGRESS ENACTED A LAW THAT SIGNIFICANTLY EASED THE BURDEN IMPOSED ON CIA BY THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT. IT HAS ENHANCED OUR OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS AND GREATLY REDUCED THE RISKS OF INADVERTENT EXPOSURE OF SOURCES AND METHODS. AT THE SAME TIME,

PUBLIC ACCESS TO RELEASABLE INFORMATION HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED. FINALLY, BARRY AUTHORED A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE SENATE IN 1983 TO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL HISTORICAL INTELLIGENCE MUSEUM. ITS AIM, IN THE SENATOR'S WORDS, IS TO "ALLOW THE AMERICAN PEOPLE INSIGHT INTO A COMPLICATED SUBJECT THAT IS OFTEN MISUNDERSTOOD AND UNFAIRLY CRITICIZED." I KNOW THIS IS A SUBJECT PARTICULARLY CLOSE TO HIS HEART, AND BECAUSE OF BARRY'S LEADERSHIP PRIVATE INITIATIVES ARE NOW WELL UNDERWAY TO CARRY OUT THE MEASURE'S PROVISIONS.

OF COURSE, I HAVE ALSO FOUND THAT I COULD ALWAYS DEPEND ON BARRY TO BE EQUALLY DIRECT WHEN HE THOUGHT THERE WERE BREAKDOWNS OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT PROCESS. ON THIS AS WELL AS MOST ANY OTHER SUBJECT, BARRY HAS NEVER BEEN SHY ABOUT MAKING HIS VIEWS CLEAR AND TO THE POINT. I HAVE ALWAYS ADMIRED THAT QUALITY IN HIM, AND I HAVE COME TO ESPECIALLY VALUE HIS CANDOR AND HONESTY DURING MY TENURE AT CIA. ON THE MANY OCCASIONS WHERE I HAVE ASKED FOR HIS PRIVATE ADVICE HE HAS OFFERED IT IN PLAIN AND UNVARNISHED FASHION, AND IN MOST CASES HE PROVED TO BE RIGHT. THAT SHOULD BE NO SURPRISE TO ANYONE--IN THE PAST FEW YEARS WE HAVE SEEN MANY OF BARRY'S LONG-HELD IDEAS ABOUT GOVERNMENT PUT INTO PRACTICE AND SHOWN TO WORK. SOME OF THESE IDEAS WEREN'T POPULAR OR FASHIONABLE WHEN HE FIRST EXPRESSED THEM, BUT HE ALWAYS FOLLOWED HIS CONSCIENCE AND SPOKEN HIS MIND. HE HAS TRULY PROVEN TO BE, AS PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS

FREQUENTLY SAID, A MAN AHEAD OF HIS TIME. IN SO MANY WAYS, HE HAS EARNED THE COUNTRY'S RESPECT AND AFFECTION PERHAPS MORE THAN ANY OTHER POLITICIAN OF HIS TIME.

AND SO, AS HIS REMARKABLE 40-YEAR CAREER AS A PUBLIC SERVANT COMES TO AN END, I THANK ALL OF YOU FOR COMING TO PAY TRIBUTE TO SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER--SOLDIER, STATESMAN, VISIONARY AND PATRIOT.

BARRY, IF YOU WILL STEP FORWARD, WE WILL NOW PROCEED WITH THE PRESENTATION OF THE AGENCY SEAL MEDALLION.